GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6
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BAN ON SMOKING AT PUBLIC PLACES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce stringent laws to check smoking at public places;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to stop the sale of tobacco and its products to the children and in educational institutions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (c) "The Cigarettes and other Tobacco Projects (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003" which came into effect on 1st May 2004, provides for ban on smoking in public places. Accordingly, 'the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Projects (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Rules, 2004' which

(i) bans smoking in public places;

(ii) prohibits advertisements of tobacco products; and

(iii) prohibits sale of tobacco products to minors, was notified on 25th February 2004 and has come into force on 1st May 2004.

'The Prohibition on sale of Cigarettes and other Tobacco Projects around Educational Institutions Rules, 2004', prohibits sale of tobacco products within a radius of 100 yards of educational institutions. The said rule was notified on 1st September 2004 and has come into effect on 1st December 2004.